

a taxi driver smashes
into a steel girder
on the golden gate bridge

avalanche buries two
mountain goats in love.

-- David L. Wann

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ambition

he took a quick look at the world around him, and
clawed his way to the bottom.

common humanity

"How would you like your peculiarities cooked today?"
the lunch counter man asked.

She sighed to herself. "Very rare, please," she
said aloud, knowing full well that the Cook would
never permit her or anyone else to have them that
way. In his pot everything became much alike.

taking thought

Miriam had the theory all her life that if she gave
up smoking in her old age her eyesight would improve
-- when she reduced she would look pretty and ten
years younger -- when she began to exercise, she
would add those ten years to her life time -- when
she put her mind to it, she would stand tall with
no stoop.

So she never bothered to do any of those things and
died with her theory intact.

-- Beverly Lancaster

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